

Stand-alone Grants

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Technical Education

This funding supports technical education in accordance with 16 V.S.A. §1563 and 1565, state financial assistance. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS	12,411,841	12,466,259	54,418
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	12,411,841	12,466,259	54,418

SOURCE OF FUNDS DETAIL

(B) EDUCATION FUND			
GRANTS			
1 Tech. Ed. Tuition Reduction	8,240,653	8,240,653	0
2 Tech. Ed. Salary Assistance	1,902,061	1,902,061	0
3 Tech. Ed. Transportation	1,318,900	1,318,900	0
4 Youth Leadership	23,910	78,328	54,418
5 Secondary School Reform	103,800	103,800	0
6 Innovative Program Development	322,517	322,517	0
7 Tech Ed Equipment	500,000	500,000	0
TOTAL GRANTS	12,411,841	12,466,259	54,418
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	12,411,841	12,466,259	54,418

Grants

1. Technical Education Tuition Reduction:

Funds are disbursed as payments to technical centers to reduce the tuition paid by school districts, based on three-year average enrollments.

2. Technical Education Salary Assistance:

Funds are disbursed as payments to technical center districts to help defray the costs of salaries for technical center directors, guidance coordinators and cooperative education coordinators.

3. Technical Education Transportation:

Funds reimburse costs of transporting students to technical centers. The per mile adjusted reimbursement rate is calculated annually.

4. Youth Leadership: Funds support student organizations that promote youth leadership development activities and participation in regional, state and national skills competitions.

5. Secondary School Reform:

Funds support school change initiatives at the middle and secondary levels based on the *High Schools on the Move* principles. Initiatives include but are not limited to student engagement, integration of academic and career skills, challenging standards, improvement of instructional practice, family and community involvement and others.

6. Innovative Program Development:

Funds help cover start-up costs for new and innovative programs that educate students in emerging career fields with high skills and wage potential.

7. Technical Education Equipment:

Funds are distributed to technical centers to update or replace equipment. This grant was formerly funded in the Capital bill but has been included here to reduce unnecessary interest expense.

Special Education Formula

The Special Education Formula is administered under the Student Support and Safe and Healthy Schools division. The formula is largely a reimbursement system that distributes funds through the grants listed on the next page. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount. For more information on special education, see page 42.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS	142,687,975	142,687,975	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	142,457,975	142,457,975	0
SPECIAL FUND	230,000	230,000	0

SOURCE OF FUNDS DETAIL

(A) EDUCATION FUND			
GRANTS			
1 Mainstream Block Grant	30,273,765	30,685,261	411,496
2 Special Ed. Expend. Reimb.	101,640,933	100,245,633	(1,395,300)
3 Extraordinary Reimbursement	7,472,623	8,456,427	983,804
4 I-Team & Regional Specialist	712,978	712,978	0
5 Hearing Impaired	824,405	824,405	0
6 Visually Impaired	501,879	501,879	0
7 BEST	496,381	496,381	0
8 Act 230 Training	365,950	365,950	0
9 Higher Education Participation	<u>169,061</u>	<u>169,061</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL GRANTS	142,457,975	142,457,975	0
TOTAL EDUCATION FUNDS	142,457,975	142,457,975	0
(B) SPECIAL FUNDS			
GRANTS			
10 I-Team & Regional Specialist	<u>230,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	230,000	230,000	0
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	142,687,975	142,687,975	0

Grants

1. Mainstream Block Grant: These funds provide a block grant for each town based on 60 percent of the statewide average salary for: (1) 9.75 special education teaching positions per 1,000 Average Daily Membership (ADM), and (2) up to two special education administrators per supervisory union/district based on ADM (16 V.S.A. § 2961).

2. Special Education Expenditures Reimbursement (Intensive Services Reimbursement): This grant reimburses expenses based on a fixed rate for eligible special education costs not covered by another part of the formula or by federal or other state funds. This rate will be adjusted so that total expenditures will not exceed the FY09 amount to meet level funding.

3. Extraordinary Reimbursement: Funds provide 90 percent reimbursement for high-cost services in excess of \$50,000 for individualized education programs (IEPs).

4. Interdisciplinary Team and Regional Multi-disability Specialist: This grant supports services and consultation for children who have multiple disabilities and serious emotional disturbances.

5. Hearing Impaired: Funds support services for students with hearing impairments, including salaries for six regional specialists who consult with schools on accommodating children with severe hearing impairments.

6. Visually Impaired: These funds enable the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired to employ itinerant teachers to consult with schools, provide direct instruction in Braille, assist with selection of low-vision aids and provide mobility training.

7. Building Effective Supports for Teaching (BEST): These funds assist schools in developing and implementing school-based plans to improve their ability to effectively respond to challenging student behaviors. They support training opportunities, technical assistance and regional service partnerships to meet the needs of students who have emotional and behavioral problems.

8. Act 230 Training Grants: Funds are granted to supervisory unions/districts for administrator and staff training to better meet student needs and to enhance education support systems.

9. Higher Education Participation: These funds support tuition reimbursement and stipends for special education teacher training.

10. Interdisciplinary Team and Regional Multi-disability Specialist: This grant supports services and consultation for children who have multiple disabilities and serious emotional disturbances.

State-placed Students

A state-placed student is one who is placed by the Agency of Human Services or a state-licensed agency in a school district outside of his or her parents' district(s) of residence. This program is administered through the Student Support and Safe and Healthy Schools division. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS	15,767,500	16,367,500	600,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	15,767,500	16,367,500	600,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS DETAIL

EDUCATION FUND			
GRANTS			
1 LEA Reimbursement	8,300,000	7,934,707	(365,293)
2 Indiv. Residential Placement	6,867,500	7,435,193	567,693
3 Special Services	300,000	691,600	391,600
4 Regular Education Tuition	300,000	306,000	6,000
TOTAL GRANTS	15,767,500	16,367,500	600,000
TOTAL EDUCATION FUNDS	15,767,500	16,367,500	600,000

Grants

1. LEA (Licensed Education Agency) Reimbursement: These funds are used to reimburse school districts for special education costs beyond mainstream services incurred for students with individualized education programs (IEPs). This rate will be less than 100 percent, as required by current law, so that the total amount expended will not exceed the FY09 amount.

2. Individual Residential Placement: These funds provide payments to approved independent schools or tutorial programs for educational costs of students in residential facilities.

3. Special Services: These funds are used to reimburse school districts for special services approved by the commissioner for non-IEP students. They also may be used for payments to the Lund Home for daytime educational services for pregnant or parenting teens, or for tuition or special education costs for Vermont students placed in foster care in other states.

4. Regular Education Tuition: These funds are used to reimburse towns that do not operate their own schools for tuitioning students to other school districts.

Adult Education & Literacy

This appropriation supports the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program administered as part of the Lifelong Learning division. Use of these funds is coordinated with the Department of Labor and are distributed by county through a needs-based formula. The Governor and the State Board are recommending the Education Fund portion be level funded. This will require capping the number of students served.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS	5,315,885	5,713,656	397,771
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
GENERAL FUND (A)	2,690,224	2,587,995	(102,229)
FEDERAL FUNDS (B)	875,661	875,661	0
EDUCATION FUND (C) *	1,750,000	2,250,000	500,000
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	5,315,885	5,713,656	397,771

SOURCE OF FUNDS DETAIL

(A) GENERAL FUND			
GRANT (ONLY CATEGORY)	2,690,224	2,587,995	(102,229)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,690,224	2,587,995	(102,229)
(B) FEDERAL FUNDS			
GRANT (ONLY CATEGORY)	875,661	875,661	0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	875,661	875,661	0
(C) EDUCATION FUND			
GRANT (ONLY CATEGORY)	1,750,000	2,250,000	500,000
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	1,750,000	2,250,000	500,000
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	5,315,885	5,713,656	397,771

Statewide Education Spending Grant

This grant is the primary funding source for public education in Vermont under Chapter 133 of 16 V.S.A. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 per pupil amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS (ONLY CATEGORY)	1,115,355,604	1,096,025,219	(19,330,385)
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	1,115,355,604	1,096,025,219	(19,330,385)

SOURCE OF FUNDS DETAIL

EDUCATION FUND			
GRANTS			
1 Education Spending Grant	1,113,737,012	1,093,955,921	(19,781,091)
2 Adult Diploma Program	694,782	694,782	0
3 VT Academy of Science & Tech	249,984	249,984	0
4 ADM Adjustments	200,000	200,000	0
5 Tech FTEs Not Enrolled	473,826	473,826	0
6 Driver Education	0	450,706	450,706
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	1,115,355,604	1,096,025,219	(19,330,385)

Grants

1. Education Spending Grant: Under 16 V.S.A. §4011(a), funds must be appropriated to pay for each district's education spending amount. The amount provided here is an estimate. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 per pupil amount.

2. Adult Diploma Program: This program allows adults without high school diplomas to substitute work and other experience for credit toward earning their diplomas. According to 16 V.S.A. §4011(f), the department is required to pay an amount equal to 0.26 times the Education Spending Grant for each student who completed the program's diagnostic component portion in the previous year.

3. Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST): State funding for this program is required under 16 V.S.A. §4011(e), which directs the department to pay an amount equal to 0.87 times the Education Spending Grant for each Vermont resident enrolled in the program. VAST operates an approved independent 12th-grade program housed at Vermont Technical College.

4. Average Daily Membership Adjustments (ADM): This adjustment is used to reconcile the amount of taxes raised based on equalized pupils when a district has miscounted its ADM prior to January 15, as allowed by 16 V.S.A. § 4030(d).

5. Tech Full-time Equivalents Not Enrolled: Under 16 V.S.A. § 4011(g), this payment is to refund districts for resident students attending a technical center at public expense but who are not enrolled in a public high school. These students are not counted in the district ADM.

6. Driver Education Program Grants: These funds provide partial reimbursement to schools that offer driver education programs. The state share of support for this program is less than 25 percent. In FY10 these funds moved from the General Fund to the Education Fund.

Essential Early Education

Federal regulations require school districts to provide special education services to eligible children ages 3 to 5. Essential Early Education (EEE) serves children ages 3 to 5 who are at risk for early school failure and children birth to age 2 with disabilities. This program is administered through the Lifelong Learning division. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS (ONLY CATEGORY)	5,517,841	5,517,841	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	5,517,841	5,517,841	0

Transportation

Administered through the School Finance Team, these funds are used to reimburse about half of school district expenditures to transport students to and from school. Exact reimbursement percentages are limited by appropriated amounts and are determined by the amount of district expenditures. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS (ONLY CATEGORY)	15,002,711	15,002,711	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	15,002,711	15,002,711	0

Small School Support Grants

Under 16 V.S.A. §4015, these funds provide formula grants to schools with a two-year average combined enrollment of less than 100 students, or with an average grade size of 20 or fewer students. They also provide financial stability grants to limit the loss of funds in small schools with declining enrollments. These funds are administered through the School Finance Team. The Governor and the State Board are recommending level funding at the FY09 amount.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS (ONLY CATEGORY)	6,565,714	6,565,714	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	6,565,714	6,565,714	0

Capital Debt Service Aid

Administered through the School Finance Team, these formula grants are awarded to eligible school districts for principal and interest payments on projects adopted before July 1, 1997.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
GRANTS (ONLY CATEGORY)	218,540	188,000	(30,540)
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
EDUCATION FUND	218,540	188,000	(30,540)

Tobacco Litigation Fund

These funds support grants to schools for tobacco prevention activities and for department personnel and operating costs. Nearly 60 local supervisory unions/districts receive up to \$30,000 annually (\$6 per pupil) to implement proven tobacco prevention initiatives. Using strategies such as district-level coordination, effective curricula, improved policies, youth cessation programs and parent and community education, Vermont schools have shown a significant decline in eighth-grade tobacco use over the last several years. The Student Support and Safe and Healthy Schools division administers these funds.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	142,152	131,153	(10,999)
OPERATING EXPENSES	18,114	57,584	39,470
GRANTS	<u>835,402</u>	<u>800,180</u>	<u>(35,222)</u>
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	995,668	988,917	(6,751)
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
TOBACCO FUND	995,668	988,917	(6,751)

Act 117 Cost Containment

Passed by the Legislature in 2000, Act 117 is designed to increase the capacity of the educational system to meet the needs of more students outside of special education, while curbing increases in special education costs. Act 117 programs are administered by the department through the Student Support and Safe and Healthy Schools division.

	FISCAL 2009 APPROP ACT	FISCAL YEAR 2010	
		STATE BOARD RECOMMEND	FY2009 TO FY2010
CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	1,118,415	1,070,398	(48,017)
OPERATING EXPENSES	121,307	121,307	0
GRANTS	<u>91,000</u>	<u>91,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	1,330,722	1,282,705	(48,017)
SOURCE OF FUNDS			
SPECIAL FUND	1,330,722	1,282,705	(48,017)